

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1-10 have been amended.

Enclosed is a copy of the new declaration having the foreign filing information.

Support for the amendments in Claims 1-5 and 6-10 can be found in Figures 3 and 5, respectively, and the corresponding text of the specification.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Voegeli et al.* (US 6,651,178). Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Amended Claim 1 (and similarly Claim 6) now recites a voltage converter having "a first power supply circuit capable of converting an input voltage to an output voltage" and "a second power supply circuit capable of converting said input voltage to said output voltage, wherein said second power supply circuit is connected in parallel with said first power supply circuit."

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the claimed voltage converter is disclosed by *Voegeli*. However, power supplies 6 in Figure 1 of *Voegeli* are not connected in parallel with each other, as claimed. Because the claimed invention recites novel features that are not found in *Voegeli*, the § 103 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicant believes that independent Claims 1 and 6 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

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